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8 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

10 The Church of the Eagle and the Condor *et*
11 *al.*,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 vs.

14 Merrick Garland *et al.*,

15 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:22-cv-01004-SRB

**JOINT REPORT ON
SETTLEMENT TALKS**

17 Pursuant to the Court's Case Management Order ¶ 8 (Dkt. No. 34), the parties hereby
18 jointly provide a report on the current status of settlement negotiations.

19 As indicated in the parties' joint motions on October 13 and December 20, the parties
20 have been engaged in fruitful settlement discussions for the past several months. *See* Dkt.
21 Nos. 41, 44. In that time, the parties have taken significant steps toward potentially resolving
22 this matter, including DEA completing a pre-registration inspection, and the parties
23 negotiating the text of a potential settlement agreement. The parties remain hopeful that they
24 will reach a settlement in principle by February 19, 2024, the end of the parties' agreed-upon
25 pause of discovery activities. The Plaintiffs request this Court's assistance to facilitate the
26 settlement of the limited remaining issues in dispute. Defendants do not believe they require
27 the Court's assistance to resolve the limited issues in dispute by February 19, but, should that
28 change, they would promptly notify the Court.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of February, 2024.

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